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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Requirement for Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 11, 2008, which sets forth a one-month shortened statutory period for response, to end July 11, 2008.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the one-month shortened statutory period, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and authorize the charging of any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Remarks**, beginning on page 2, include Applicants' election with traverse.